

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on January 21, 2010, at the Illinois State Police, Springfield, Illinois. Board member Tracie Newton called the meeting to order.

Present: Jeff Brown, Verlin Meinz, Jerry Isikoff, Michael Bednarz, Dick Winkler, Steve Goytia, Jessica O'Leary, Meghan Harmon, Tom Ambrose, Dave Gruenenfelder, Alyssa Schafer, Tracie Newton, Sheryl Essenberg, Mickie Owens, Carol Corgan, Amy Campanelli, David Boots, Pat Delfino, Alesia Crockett

Absent: Excused: Jack Cutrone, Cara Smith, Harry Reed

Unexcused: Shauna Boliker, Cheri Miller, Catherine Haberkorn, B. Kent Jones, Rena Van Tine

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. SOMB Fund

Dave Boots, Chief Fiscal Officer, Illinois Attorney General's office was invited by the Board to discuss separating the SOMB account into two separate accounts. One of the accounts would be for operational expenses (20%) and the other for programmatic expenses (80%). Currently there is \$126,000 in the account. The Board agreed to separate the funds.

The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the reimbursement amount from \$300 to \$500. Jeff Brown made a motion to increase the reimbursement to \$500 and Verlin Meinz second the motion.

C. Discussion of New Grant and Training

University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS) representatives Tom Ambrose, Dave Gruenenfelder and Meghan Harmon, discussed the "Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management" grant UIS received through the Department of Justice. The group will host a conference on November 15, 16 and 17 at Illinois State in Bloomington, Illinois. The targeted audience is probation, parole, treatment providers and law enforcement. Board members were invited to participate in the conference as well as make speaker recommendations.

D. Qualifications for Juvenile Providers

Board members were provided with a letter submitted by John M. Condon, Director of the 9th Judicial Court Services the supervisor of SOMB Approved Provider, Tye Adair, regarding the Board requiring licensure for those providing services to juvenile providers Mr. Adair currently does not have a license and would not be able to obtain one because

the degrees he has does not meet the licensure requirements. As a result he was wondering if the Board has considered an alternative for those who cannot obtain licensure.

Effective September 10, 2009, anyone providing services to juveniles must have a license. The Board discussed various options that may be considered such as possibly a grandfathering in process for those currently on the provider list. Currently there are 275 approved providers servicing juveniles, of those approximated 45 do not have a license. Board members, Jeff Brown, Jerry Isikoff , Alyssa Williams-Schafer and Mike Bednarz agreed to review the files of those without licensure.

E. Next Meeting: March 18, 2010 – Video Conferencing –IDOC: Chicago and Springfield

F. Adjournment